

Sunday 2nd March 2025

Sunday next before Lent

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome
to our worship!*



Please stay in touch! If you would like to know more of what happens at Holy Trinity, please check us out online.

www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

where you can sign up for our weekly email newsletter



Keep up to date with us on **Facebook**
www.facebook.com/holytrinitychurchcuckfield

You can easily make your **offering** towards the ongoing **outreach, mission and ministry** of this church by scanning this QR code with your mobile phone.



Reflection by The Rev'd Canon David Tickner

Luke 9:28-36 tells the story of the Transfiguration, a moment when Jesus reveals His divine glory to Peter, James, and John. As He prays, His appearance changes, and He is joined by Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets. A voice from heaven declares, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!" For us, this passage is a reminder that Jesus is not just a great teacher or prophet—He is the Son of God. Just as the disciples were invited to witness His glory, we too are called to see Him for who He truly is. The command to "listen to Him" is about trusting His words, following His teachings, and being transformed by His presence. In moments of uncertainty or struggle, the Transfiguration reassures us that Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promises, guiding us toward His light.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday 2nd March - Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-35
2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2
Luke 9.28-36

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Anthony Vander Willigen
9.45 am	Holy Eucharist*		
Pr Hymn	595 Be thou my vision (SLANE)	Readers 1	Robyn Brotherton
Setting	Addington	Reader 2	David Reed
Gr Hymn	762 Praise the One who breaks the darkness (BLAENWERN)	Intercessions	James Sanders
Of Hymn	358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord (BE STILL)		
Anthem	"Ave Verum Corpus" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart		
Cm Hymn	787 Take my life and let it be (NOTTINGHAM)		
Fm Hymn	766 Praise my soul		
11.15 am	Family Praise		
6.00 pm	Said Evening Prayer (with hymns)		
Hymn	10 Abide with me (EVENTIDE)	Readers	Exodus 3.1-6 John 12.27-36a Ben Halsey
Responses	Said		Philippa Tillyer
Psalm	89.1-18		

www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

Copyrights used by permission of CCL
Licence holder number 5850

Setting Said
 Anthem -
 Hymn 103 O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (WAS
 LEBET, WAS SCHWEBET)
 Hymn 632 Fill thou my life (RICHMOND)

* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church homepage

First Reading

Exodus 34.29-35

Moses comes down from the mountain with his face shining, but veils his face before the people

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

We, with unveiled faces, see the glory of the Lord

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel

Luke 9.28-36

The Transfiguration

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This Week...

03/03 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
04/03 Tues	1.30 pm	Funeral T/L Serita Burrowes	Church
05/03 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
	7.00 pm	Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes*	John 8.1-11 Isaiah 58.1-12 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
06/03 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Matthew 6.1-6,16-21 Deuteronomy 30.15-end
	1.30 pm	Arts & Crafts Meet up	Luke 9.22-25 Church
	7.30 pm	Lent Course 'Christ and the Chocolaterie'	Victorian Hall, Old School
07/03 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Isaiah 58.1-9a Matthew 9.14-15
	12.00 pm	Lunchtime Concert	Church

	6.00 pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Old School
08/03 Sat	9.30 am	Cuckfield Local Market	Church

* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page.

Next Sunday...

Sunday 9th March - 1st Sunday of Lent

			Deuteronomy 26.1-11
			Romans 10.8b -13
			Luke 4.1-13
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Readers	James Sanders Charles Solomon
9.45 am	Worship for all *	Readers	Young People
Pr Hymn	690 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice		
Setting	Gloria: Peruvian Sanctus: Metrical		
Gr Hymn	775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God		
Of Hymn	Still/Hide Me Now (Reuben Morgan).		
Anthem			
Cm Hymn	728 Meekness and majesty		
	650 Great is thy faithfulness		
Fn Hymn	588 And can it be		

* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page.

Notices and Parish News...

There will be three Lent groups running: On **Thursday evenings 'Christ and the Chocolaterie'** - a course based on the film *Chocolat*: In the Victorian Hall, 7.30-9.00pm (facilitated by [Caroline Curren](#)) starting 6th March. On Zoom, 7.00pm-8.00pm (facilitated by [Peter and Tina Hutchinson](#)) starting 13th March (*note change of starting date*)

Diocesan Lent Course - Starting on **Monday 10th March evenings 7.00pm (on Zoom)** following the Diocesan Course '**I Believe**' (facilitated by Clive Simmonds). The focus of the last two years on the Old and New Testaments, as we continue to reflect on the Mystery of Faith. We are invited this year to consider the Nicene Creed. This Creed unfolds for us the transforming Mysteries of Christ, because Christianity is not just about ideas but about lives transformed by God's revelation, each evening will consider the Creed's doctrines through the image of a particular person who lived that faith intensely. Use the **Church Zoom Blue button** and will start at **7pm on Monday evenings following Ash Wednesday** for more information please contact Clive at clivesimmonds@btinternet.com

Ash Wednesday - 5th March 2025 - There will be a Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at Holy Trinity Cuckfield at 7.00 pm

Arts and Craft Meeting - On **Thursday 6th March from 1:30pm - 4:00pm**. Bring your own projects or just come for a cuppa and chat. All are very welcome, please contact Mary on marypape01@gmail.com for more info

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday 8th March 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th Support local artisans and embrace environmental stewardship with us. The church will be serving tea, coffee and soft drinks, please let Jane know if you can assist.

Ladies Group - Afternoon Tea on **Tuesday 18th March at Cuckfield Gold Club**. Please contact Mary on marypape01@gmail.com for more information

Deanery morning, to mark 1700 years since the Nicene Creed first emerged. Entitled: Uncovering the Nicene Creed, it's on **Saturday 15 March 2025 10am - 1pm, at Ascension Church, 110 Vale Road, Haywards Heath RH16 4JS**. The speaker will be Rev Canon Dr Earl Collins (Vicar of St John's Hove and Diocesan Continuing Ministerial Development Officer). All are welcome.

Lunch "n" Linger will take place again at the Old School on **Thursday 27th March 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**. The cost is £6.50 per head (payable on the day). There are only 40 places, and these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If you would like to attend please let Jane know or email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org confirming your menu choices. We need to confirm final numbers by the Monday before the lunch. The food is freshly prepared by the kitchens at Warden Park Academy, pupils from the school will assist with serving and clearing. If you can assist with setting up and or with clearing/washing up, please let Jane know as well.

Confirmation or Admission to Communion - If you have a child in year 6, please let Fr Daniel know so that we can make arrangements for them to be admitted to communion. Similarly, if there are any members of the congregation who have not been confirmed, please speak to Fr Daniel also so that this can be explored.

Coro Nuovo Concert- 22nd March 2025, 7pm 'Handel by Candle' - a Baroque programme of Handel, Bach and Vivaldi. The Coro Nuovo singers and orchestra will be joined by the Sussex Young Musician of 2024, Riya Hamre, an excellent young cellist. This concert has been organised by The Friends of Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield. To purchase tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/fohtcc

Italian Evening with Quiz on Wednesday, 26th March at 6.30pm. Great food, fun quiz and raffle. **Tickets £15.** See Hilary Turner-King or Ros Longfield for more information.

Sunday's Cool - March 2025, if you can help at any of those sessions, or our child wants to come along, please let Hilary know by emailing inspirefm@holytrinitycuckfield.org. We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

Prayers...

Those in immediate need:

Becky Parker, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Evelyn Stenning, Tina Heath, Sam Lawrence

Those in long term need:

Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Eileen Knight, Jim Knight, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Eileen MacDougall, George Snashall, Karen Leese, and Yvonne Godsmark

Those in care homes:

Mary Watts, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card, Keith Card,

The recently departed and those who mourn:

Serita Burrowes, Shonali Allemand, Tina Owens, Diana Walker, Camilla Southern, Vanessa Crocker

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 3rd Betty Richardson 2002, Irene Florence Harris 2007, Jean Annette Clout 2013, 4th Malcolm Hopper 2003, John Hillman Smith 2004, Margarita Goad 2022, 5th Robert Turner Inman, Dorothy Frances Fullerton 2005, 6th Douglas Charles Birch 2014, Ethel Ward 2016, 7th Michael Dunnett 2000, Andrew Ponsford 2017, 8th Bill Packham, Joyce Greg, Shaun Russell Ingram 2005, Grace Beatrice Mathers 2006, Brian Stevens 2010, Clifford Dennis 2013, Eleanor Kier 2016, William Turner-Inman 2019, 9th Fiona Murray 2022

Praying through the week...

Mon Mar 3rd - On World Wildlife Day we celebrate and give thanks for the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora. We pray that we may learn to better appreciate all God's creation, the many ways in which our lives are enriched and the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime and human-induced reduction of species. Locally we pray particularly for the people of Buttinghill Drive, that they may feel the joy and pride of belonging to a community and being valued.

Tue Mar 4th - Shrove Tuesday, we give thanks for the food we will share and those who have produced and provided it - from source to table. We pray for all who will attend our Lent groups, Compline and regular services in the coming weeks. We pray for all who, in their own journey, will follow our Lent poster and patterns of Giving, Praying and Fasting. We pray locally for the people of Bylanes Close, that they may have a sense of the wonder and diversity of God's creation.

Wed Mar 5th - Ash Wednesday. As we enter the season of Lent we pray that our individual journeys may be enriched by prayer, thought and meditation. We pray for all attending Ash Wednesday services at Holy Trinity and across the world. Locally we pray for the people of Bylanes Crescent, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

Thu Mar 6th - We pray for those coping with the worst effects of the climate crisis. We pray that we become more accountable and responsible and play our part in trying to hold back further destruction.

Locally we pray for the people of Callender Walk, that they may sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

Fri Mar 7th - British Science Week. We pray for all those working in Mathematics and Science, for all teaching and inspiring young people, We give thanks for those who have worked in this field for the benefit of others, despite sometimes not receiving recognition, because of prejudice. Locally we remember the people of Chapel Walk, that they may feel part of a safe, supportive, neighbourly community.

Sat Mar 8th - On this International Women's Day we pray for women the world over, who still have to fight to be heard, respected and afforded equality with men. We pray particularly for those suffering through abuse and coercion. We pray locally for the people of Chapelfields, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

Vicar

The Rev'd Daniel Valentine
01444 454007
vicar@holytrinitycuckfield.org

Parish Administrator

Gina Parker
01444 456461
office@holytrinitycuckfield.org

Churchwardens

Brian Cutler & Jane Coan
churchwarden@holytrinitycuckfield.org

Director of Music

Charles Humphries
07771 517215
DOM@holytrinitycuckfield.org

Vergger

Jonathan Penny
07541 283829
verger@holytrinitycuckfield.org

Children & Youth Worker

Toby Dawson
07423 817842
Toby@holytrinitycuckfield.org